

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Applicants have cancelled the original claims and presented newly presented claim 7, 8, and 9 herein and it is believed that newly presented claims 7, 8, and 9 obviate the rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 112 and the objection under 37 C.R.R. 1.75 (c).

It is also believed that newly presented claim 7 is patentably distinct from Mercer, U.S. 5,015,103, applied by the Examiner to reject originally presented claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b).

Claim 7 clearly defines an invention wherein the handle of a pack which may be heavy and which have the contents poured is provided with a handle fitted to one of the faces of the pack along an axis of symmetry of the face at an angle in the range of 2° to 40°. By providing handle at an angle, an optimum compromise between pouring comfort on the one hand unimpeded carrying comfort on the other hand can be achieved. The present invention recognizes the conflict between carrying comfort and comfort and provided a seemingly non-obvious solution. It is the simplicity of the solution which is nowhere found in the cited prior art that achieves providing both carrying comfort and pouring comfort of the contents of the bag.

Mercer, applied by the Examiner, merely discloses a conventional bag with a carrying handle which is not disposed at an angle.

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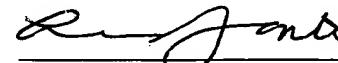
Accordingly in view of the above amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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